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114TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To exclude striped bass from the anadromous fish doubling requirement in section 3406(b)(1) of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. DENHAM introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Save Our Salmon Act”
5 or the “SOS Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) California is home to many populations of
2 native salmon and steelhead.

3 (2) Many of the native salmon and steelhead
4 populations in California are listed under the En-
5 dangered Species Act of 1973.

6 (3) The Central Valley Project Improvement
7 Act (CVPIA) required a doubling of natural produc-
8 tion of Central Valley populations of anadromous
9 fish within 10 years.

10 (4) Striped bass are anadromous fish indige-
11 nous to the East Coast of the United States and are
12 not native to the state of California.

13 (5) Striped bass were included in the CVPIA's
14 fish doubling goal even though they are not a native
15 species.

16 (6) Striped bass prey on native salmon and
17 steelhead.

18 (7) Predation poses a serious threat to federally
19 protected juvenile salmon and other native fish in
20 California.

21 (8) According to the National Marine Fisheries
22 Service, reducing abundance of striped bass and
23 other non-native predators must be achieved to pre-
24 vent extinction of Central Valley salmon and

1 steelhead or to prevent the species from declining ir-
2 reversibly.

3 (9) Therefore, the CVPIA's fish-doubling goal
4 for two competing species is contradictory and
5 counter-productive for salmon and steelhead recov-
6 ery.

7 **SEC. 3. TREATMENT OF STRIPED BASS.**

8 Section 3406(b)(1) of the Central Valley Project Im-
9 provement Act (title XXXIV of Public Law 102-575) is
10 amended by inserting “(except striped bass)” after “nat-
11 ural production of anadromous fish”.